

University of St. Francis
Business Alumni Networking Meeting
Virtual Meeting via Zoom
April 10, 2021 Meeting Minutes

Welcome – Opening Prayer: Katie Rodriguez called the meeting to order, welcomed everyone and led the opening prayer.

In attendance: Katie Rodriguez, Karen Ciarlette, AC Day, Giuliana Day, Amanda Dore, Ana Patino, Tim Wills, Chuck Frisch, Caroline Portlock, Emily Schrader, Maria West, Joseph Ferallo, Aubrey Knight, and Jessica Conte.

Alumni Report and Upcoming Events:

- Jessica gave the Alumni Department update including:
 - Items are being collected for a Time Capsule that will be opened in 2045 – the University’s 125 anniversary. The time capsule link will be: www.stfrancis.edu/timecapsule.
 - SAM – applications for next session is open for those interested in participating.
 - To register for the SBA golf outing at Inwood in Joliet on April 24 at noon, please email rvaughan@stfrancis.edu. Students and alumni are invited!
- Katie mentioned the status of current events and list of the upcoming events. See the alumni events page for all details and to register.

College of Business and Health Administration Update: Joseph Ferallo reported on efforts related to teaching in a COVID world. He also reported on progress made in Viet Nam. Provided an updated on the Wheeler grant and progress on the hallway renovation. Servant Leader program is underway with several projects in the works. Received a \$44k grant to work with HS students focused on Entrepreneurship. Amanda Dore gave an update on COBHA Servant Leaders: They are collecting business clothes to have a closet on campus for students to use for interviews and career fairs, etc. They are doing a "drive-by drop off" for donations on Saturday, April 24th from 10am to 12pm in the Tower Driveway.

NEW BUSINESS

Minutes: Motion to approve the minutes of the February 2021 BAN meeting by Joe Ferallo, seconded by Karen Ciarlette. Motion carried.

Events & Ideas:

- Survey results: Here’s the full list of event from the poll:
 - Professional-related ideas:
 - Resume building and interviewing skills
 - Webinar for alumni who are parents struggling through the pandemic
 - Webinar for Zoom interview preparedness
 - Budgeting for young alumni
 - How to negotiate in a sales job
 - How to do your own taxes
 - Saving for your future retirement planning
 - Social events:
 - Singo (bingo but with songs)
 - Virtual art show -- featuring USF's art gallery exhibits
 - Virtual trivia night -- Catholic Saints, history of USF
 - English major reunion
 - Game night -- trivia Bingo, family feud
 - Virtual escape room
 - Drone tour of school
 - Paint Night
 - Webinar on fun online resources for this "remote" time
 - Makeup graduation for those who had to do it virtually

- Put survey on other platforms (LinkedIn) to get alumni feedback.
- Discussed way to engage BAN members as well as ways to connect current students and business alumni. Reviewed the Road Map to Success events planned.
- Discussed a series on LinkedIn – will work with Career Services.
- Discussed ideas on how to assist alumni who may have been displaced or need career services. *How do we keep alumni engaged?*
- Starting a Podcast – possibly in the Fall – need to determine logistics.
- Start promoting alumni network on USF radio station.
- Have a table at Homecoming.

OLD BUSINESS

eNewsletter: Discussed various topics. THANK YOU to Emily for once again creating an awesome newsletter!

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 9:46 am on a motion by Karen Ciarlette, seconded by Joseph Ferallo. Motion carried.